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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON AMERICAN ELECTRONICS FIRMS

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1. LISTED BELOW ARE 28 U.S. OWNED ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS
IN HONG KONG WITH THEIR PRODUCTS AND NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.
MOST OF THESE OPERATE 1 SHIFT, 48 HRS. A WEEK.

2. IN LOCAL ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, GENERALLY 80 PERCENT OF
WORK FORCE ARE FEMALE.

3. THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG IS FACING A
CONSTANT SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOR. LABOR TURNOVER IS HIGH.
AVERAGE BASIC WAGE FOR ELECTRONICS WORKERS IS US\$7.00 PER
EIGHT-HOUR DAY. IN ADDITION TO BASIC WAGE, ELECTRONICS
INDUSTRY OFFERS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM WORK, LUNCHEON,
BONUS, OVERTIME PAY FOR MEN, WEEKEND PICNICS/PARTIES AND OTHER
FRINGE BENEFITS. WORK WEEK FOR WOMEN EMPLOYEES LIMITED TO
48 HOUR MAXIMUM, BY STATUE. LABOR LAWS PROSCRIBE WOMEN FROM
WORKING MORE THAN 2 HOURS OVERTIME IN ANY ONE DAY. THEY MAY NOT
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WORK BEFORE 6:00 A.M. OR AFTER 11:00 P.M. NEARLY ALL THE ELECTRONICS
FACTORIES ARE AIR-CONDITIONED. MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION ON
THE INDUSTRY IS DESCRIBED IN REF. AIR.

4. THERE ARE NO U.S. OWNED ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS IN HONG
KONG TO DATE.

5. NAME OF COMPANY	PRODUCTS	NO. OF EMPLS.
AMPEX FERROTEC LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPUTER	1,817
	MEMORY STACKS/SYSTEMS	
BEL FUSE, LTD.	TV AND COMPUTER PARTS	315
CENTRALAB HONGKONG LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	400
COMPUTERVISION (H.K.) LTD.	WIRE BONDERS & ACCESSORIES	67
CONMOS PRODUCTS LTD.	ELECTRONIC WATCHES & TV	255
	GAMES, ELECTRONIC	
	COMPONENTS, CLOCKS	
DATA GENERAL HONGKONG LTD.	MEMORY PLANE & INTEGRATED	620
	CIRCUITS	
DATA MAGNETICS (HONG KONG),		
LTD.	RECORDING HEADS FOR	710
	COMPUTER & CONSUMER	
	ELECTRONICS	
DATAPRODUCTS (HONGKONG),	CORE MEMORY & HAMMER	700
LTD.	BANKS	
D.S.I. (HONGKONG), LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	230
FABRI-TEK (H.K.), LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS,	800
	ELECTRONIC COMPUTER MEMORY	
	STACKS/SYSTEMS	
FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS,	2,700
(H.K.), LTD.	WATCH MODULES, CLOCKS	
HPC, LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	103
INTERNATIONAL	CORE MEMORY PRODUCTS,	193
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TECHNOLOGY, LTD.	ELECTRONIC SUB-ASSEMBLIES	
	FOR ELECTRONIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS	
ITT TRANSELECTRONICS,	CONSUMER ELECTRONICS	1,097
LTD., H.K.		
KRAS ASIA, LTD.	PRECISION TOOLING FOR	65
	SEMICONDUCTORS	
LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS,	193
INTERNATIONAL, LTD.	EQUIPMENT & COMPUTER SYSTEMS	
MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTORS	SEMICONDUCTORS	349
H.K., LTD.		
NANO PULSE INDUSTRIES, LTD	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	130
NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR	SEMICONDUCTOR, ELECTRONIC	695
H.K., LTD.	COMPONENTS	
NCR MFG. (H.K.) LTD.	ELECTRONIC SUB-ASSEMBLIES	425
SILICON GENERAL (FE) LTD.	INTEGRATED CIRCUITS	115
SILICONIX (HONG KONG) LTD.	TRANSISTORS, INTEGRATED	350
	CIRCUITS, ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	
SPRANQUE WORLD TRADE CORP.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	457
STUART, LTD.	MAGNETIC REED SWITCHES	135
TEK DEVICES, LTD.	MEMORY PRODUCTS & SYSTEMS	331
TELEDYNE, H.K., LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	670
SWIRE MAGNETICS, LTD.	MAGNETIC TAPES & CASSETTES	23

TRACO, LTD.	ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	164
TOTAL: 28 COMPANIES	TOTAL: 14,109	
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